provide a portion of land at affordable rates for housing those poor people who provide essential services. This will also help in checking the growth of slums.

(iv) Urban Land use needs to be optimized. Town and Country planning regulations should be amended to provide for higher density use.

(v) Designation of no development zones in high population areas of cities and towns have led to the growth of slums. Planning authorities should re-plan these zones to meet the need of a growing population after taking adequate care for provision of green areas.

Hostels for SC/ST Students

406. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hostels for SC/ST students in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of students availing the facility in the country. State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to construct more number of hostels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The total number of SC/ST hostels alongwith the number of seats sanctioned by the Union Government to State Governments and UT Administrations/Univcrsitics/Institutions since 1992-1993 to 2001-2002 under Centrally Sponsored Scheme is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. For construction of more SC/ST hostels in the country, the Union Government has made a budget allocation of Rs. 24 crores for ST hostels and Rs. 43.00 crores for SC hostels during the year 2002-2003, which can be disbursed to the State

Govts./UT Administration/ Universities/Institutions subject to receipt of valid and complete proposals from them.

Statement

Details of SC/ST Hostels

SI. No.	Sute/UT	Hostels for ST students	No. of seats	Hostels for SC students	No. of seats
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	128	16580	341	53795
2.	Assam	217	1264	122	720
3.	Gujarat	71	2902	65	3806
4.	Himachal Pradesh	13	1145	2	150
5.	Daman and Diu	4	220	0	0
6.	D and N Haveli	11	984	0	0 .
7.	Kerala	39	2270	21	860
8.	Madhya Pradesh	91	4656	686	30910
9.	Manipur	13	490	2	105
10.	Meghalaya	56	1320	0	0
11.	Orissa	152	4556	122	5048
12.	Rajasthan	179	5500	114	3185
13.	Tamil Nadu	15	989	120	8205
14.	Tripura	35	1900	12	580
15.	Uttar Pradesh	10	450	79	4606
16.	West Bengal	23	1532	27	2020
17.	J and K	9	446	8	256
18.	Karnataka	28	1422	348	21724
19.	Maharashtra	21	1580	50	3012
20.	Bihar	6	300	47	2350
21.	Nagaland	2	200	0	0
22.	JNU/IIT (Delhi)	3	580	2	200
23.	Jharkhand	28	2800	34	1900
24.	Chhattisgarh	1	50	0	0
25.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	60	0	0
26.	Haryana	0	0	13	590
27.	Punjab	0	0	10	526
28.	Chandigarh	0	0	2	300

1	2	3	4	5	6
29.	Krukshetra University	0	0	2	200
30.	Pondicherry University	0	0	2	100
31.	Assam University	0	0	1	100
32.	Amravati University	0	0	2	200
33.	Delhi University	0	0	1	100
34.	Guru Nanak Dev University	0	0	2	186
35.	M.D. University Rohtak	0	0	2	200
36.	Punjab University Patiala	0	0	2	200
37.	Pondicherry	0	0	1	100
38.	B.R. Ambedkar National Institute	0	0	1	24
39.	J amis Milia, N. Delhi	0	0	1	100
	TOTAL	1157	54196	2244	146358

Budgeting nightmares for cancer patients

*407. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Have some sympathy, Mr. Sinha—Budgeting nightmares for cancer patients", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 15th March, 2002; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?